

Little Remodeler Playhouse

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Exemplary mode for carrying out the invention

It can be seen from the description of this invention that a child's desire to learn the things that their parents do with their own home will be fulfilled with this invention. The child can assemble the playhouse, younger children with the assistance of their parents, inserting walls into each corner piece, fitting the roof together with tabs and slots, if made in separate pieces, or simply setting the roof on top of the walls and setting the playhouse on top of the floor. The child would then be able to enjoy the versatility of the playhouse by choosing one or more paint colors and painting the house. They may either use a paint-brush or roller (preferably child size) teaching them painting skills. They may decide to slide in cedar or brick look slats into the front corner pieces, altering the look of the front of the house. Then they may design and make their own wallpaper and apply this to the inside walls. Because they can remove the wallpaper and reapply it, if their first try is crooked, they may correct this, teaching them the art of wallpapering. Additional wallpaper kits will be available to purchase so the child can continue to make different wallpaper when they choose. If they purchase the shake roof, they can slide this into place over the roof, altering its appearance. They may also simply lay the stone look plastic flooring pieces over the existing floor giving it a modern stone look appearance

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Exemplary mode for carrying out the invention (continued)

All of this will enhance their interest in remodeling and decorating as well as instruct them in the art.

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Background of Invention

Many other playhouses have been designed and patented in the past, allowing the child to play and exercise a degree of imagination. There have been houses that allow the child to play house, school and a variety of other things. There are playhouses with telephones, ovens, sinks, and various other items. Some have been designed to allow the child to alter the appearance of the playhouse by adding pre-designed paper or by attaching magnetic panels to their playhouse. However, none have allowed the child to fully experience the art of remodeling. My playhouse allows the child to use their imagination to the full extent by allowing them to design and make their own wallpaper that they can put up, taken down and re-applied repeatedly. This allows them to make a variety of wallpaper designs and to continue to remodel as they please. This kit also allows the child to choose the color of their home and paint it accordingly. They can choose the style of their home (brick, cedar, or paint) and have complete control over the design of their playhouse. This is the only playhouse that teaches the child and allows them to simulate the art of remodeling.

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Brief Summary of Invention

A playhouse designed for children to remodel, which is made out of preferably melamine or similar material, which will have a paintable outside surface and a clean, slick, nonporous inside surface. The playhouse will come with paint, paint brush, roller and roller tray, allowing the child to paint the outside of the playhouse and plain paper with no design, stamps, and stamp pad(s) which will allow the child to make their own wallpaper. Said playhouse will also be designed so that alternate materials can be added to the front, roof and floor altering the appearance of said playhouse. Plastic pieces resembling cedar or brick and plastic square stone look pieces will be sold with the kit to be added to the front and floor of the unit. Additional shake look roofing material may be included or will be sold separately.

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Description of Drawings

Fig 1A: Front and sides of playhouse, showing the door opening, corner pieces for the door openings (3C) which allows for the inserting of additional materials over the wall panel and the corner pieces at each front corner (3B) which allows for the insertion of the walls at a 90 degree angle, as well as the insertion of additional materials.

Fig 1B: The back of the playhouse having corner pieces (3A), which allows only for the insertion of wall panels at a 90 degree angle.

Fig. 1C: Side of playhouse showing the window and one corner piece (3A) which allows for the insertion of a wall panel at a 90 degree angle only and a corner piece (3B) which allows for the insertion of a wall panel at a 90 degree angle and an additional material to be inserted over said wall material.

Fig 1D: Side wall with no window or door opening showing one corner piece (3A) which will allow for the insertion of a wall panel at a 90 degree angle and one corner piece (3B) which allows for the insertion of one wall panel at a 90 degree angle and the insertion of an additional material over said wall material.

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Description of drawings (continued)

2A: A simple square plastic floor, sized to fit the playhouse.

3A: The corner piece used to connect back (1B) and side wall panels (1C and 1D), having only one slot.

3B: Corner piece used to connect the front wall unit (1A) to the side wall units (1C and 1D), having two slots, one for the wall panels and one for the additional materials which are to be added to alter the appearance of the playhouse.

3C: The extra lip piece added to both sides of the door openings (shown in 3C) which allows for the insertion of additional materials over the wall panel to alter the appearance of the front of the playhouse.

3D: Extra lip piece added to the sides of the roof (4C) to allow for the insertion of shake roof material to alter the look of the roof.

3E: The lip added to the bottom of both longer sides of the roof (4C), which will hold the added material in place when inserted on top of the roof.

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Description of drawings, continued

4A: The side of the roof if said roof is designed in four pieces, showing slots for tabs (shown in 4B) to be inserted into to hold the roof together.

4B: The front and back of the roof if the roof is to be made in four pieces, showing the tabs which will be inserted into the slots (shown in 4A), connecting the roof together.

4C: The entire roof unit, which can be one unit, or the outcome of the four units (4A and 4B) when connected together, showing the lip (3D) that was added to the side sections and the lip (3E) which was added to the bottom, allowing for the additional shake material.

5A: A plastic elongated strip preferably two to six inches tall and the length of part of the strips being from the corner of the front of the house to the door opening, the rest of the pieces being the length of one front corner piece to the other front corner piece, being approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in width, having a brick look appearance.

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5B: Plastic elongated pieces being preferably two to six inches tall and the length of part of the pieces being the distance from one front corner piece to the door opening corner piece, the rest of the pieces being the length from one front corner piece to the other front corner piece, the width being approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, made to resemble cedar slats.

5C: Plastic shake look material of any dimensions, preferably six to ten inches tall, having the length of the longer sides of the roof, being preferably $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in width.

5D: Plastic square stone look tiles, being a little less than 12" by 12", designed to be laid on top of the large flooring unit.

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Detailed Description

A playhouse kit, which includes a building constructed of any material, preferably melamine, when completely finished leaves a paintable outside surface and an inside surface with a clean, slick, nonporous finish. Said playhouse will have a front wall with a door opening (1A), at least one side wall, having no door or window opening (1B), at least one wall having a window opening (1C), and a back wall having no opening (1D). Said playhouse will be connected using corner pieces (3A) which allows for the easy insertion of wall panels, fitting together at 90 degree angles and corner pieces (3B) to be used at the front corners, connecting wall units to the front of the playhouse at a 90 degree angle and also allowing for the insertion of additional materials to alter the appearance of the front of the playhouse. Said playhouse kit will also include a roof, which can be made as one piece or four pieces joined together with tabs and slots (4A, 4B, 4C) and floor (2A) being the correct size to fit properly with the playhouse. The roof of said playhouse is also designed to allow for additional materials (5C) to be added, altering its appearance. Said roof has two side lips (3D) on both elongated sides and a bottom lip (3E) on both elongated sides, allowing for the insertion of said additional materials. Shake look pieces (5C) the length of the roof can be included or sold separately. The front of the house can be changed by sliding in plastic brick look (5A) or

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Detailed Description (continued)

cedar look (5B) pieces, which can be included in the kit or sold separately. The kit will also include plastic stone look tiles (5D) to be added to the floor to give it an alternate appearance. Said kit will also include water paint, preferably watercolor, paint brush, roller and roller tray, preferably child size, allowing the child to paint the outside of the playhouse. Said playhouse will also come with plain paper with no design, cut to the length of the inside of the walls, stamp pad(s) and stamps so that the child can make their own wallpaper. Said wallpaper may come with a temporary adhesive substance on one side, separated by wax type paper, or may be sold with a can of spray on adhesive which can be sprayed on as needed.